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SUBJECT: UNDP PERSONNEL.

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1. DEPT APPRECIATES LEARNING OF THE EXTREMELY DISTURBING RUMORS BEING CIRCULATED AT UNDP GC THAT MORSE IS PLANNING TO FRAGMENT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DIVISION OF FINANCE. IF TRUE, WE SIMPLY FAIL TO SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH ACTION. THE MARKED DISADVANTAGES, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD BE NOT ONLY THE LOSS OF AN AMERICAN D-2 POST BUT FUNCTIONALLY IT ALSO MAKES NO SENSE FOR AN ORGANIZATION TO REORGANIZE.
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NIZE OUT OF EXISTENCE ITS TOP FINANCIAL MANAGER THEN TRANSFER PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAMS TO STAFFS WHICH HAVE OTHER PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS SEEMS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF UNDP WHICH AT BEST HAS AN EXTREMELY COMPLICATED FINANCIAL PROGRAM. WE DO NOT ENJOY USING THE REMINDER THAT THE U.S. IS UNDP'S MAJOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR, BUT AS MORSE KNOWS WE ARE CONSTANTLY REMINDED OF THIS FACT BY A CONGRESS IN-

CREASINGLY RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT LARGER APPROPRIATIONS FOR UNDP. THIS EXPERIMENTING WITH THE FINANCIAL PART OF THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT THE WAY TO CONVINCE PRINCIPALS OF ITS SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POSTURE.

2. USUN IS REQUESTED TO INFORM MORSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT WE TAKE STRONG EXCEPTION TO ANY MOVE TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE DOF THAT WOULD RESULT IN DOWNGRADING THE POSITION FROM ITS D-2 LEVEL. MISSION SHOULD REMIND MORSE EMPHATICALLY THAT THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF UNDP IS OF THE UTMOST CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONGRESS. FURTHER, THAT WE CAN ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN RETAINING AN AMERICAN AT THE D-2 LEVEL IN THAT POSITION AS IT IS NOW STRUCTURED.

3. THERE IS AN IMPLICATION IN REFTTEL THAT MORSE IS THINKING IN THIS DIRECTION BECAUSE HE IS NOT SYMPATHETIC TO ZIEHL AS DIRECTOR. IF THIS IS THE CASE, DEPT URGES USUN TO FORWARD TO MORSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE APPLICATIONS OF THE TWO HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SENT TO MISSION ON APRIL 28, 1978. SHOULD THESE CANDIDATES NOT MEET MORSE'S REQUIREMENTS, WE WILL RECRUIT OTHERS.

4. MISSION SHOULD ALSO INFORM MORSE THAT THE U.S. CANNOT ACCEPT AS REPLACEMENT FOR JOHN OLVER ANYONE OTHER THAN AN AMERICAN. WE FIND IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT MORSE WOULD

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SERIOUSLY CONSIDER REDUCING AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IN UNDP BY AN ASG AND A D-2 WITHOUT CONSULTATION AND WITHOUT RECEIVING OUR STRONGEST PROTESTS.

5. IF USDEL TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IS ABLE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH MORSE BEFORE HE LEAVES GENEVA, PLEASE DO SO AND REPORT. VANCE

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